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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS LINKS CHINA TO CENTO

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1. COMMENTARIES IN RED STAR ON JUNE 2 AND PRAVDA
ON JUNE 3 USE CONCLUSION OF RECENT CENTO SESSION IN
WASHINGTON AS OPPORTUNITY TO CAST CHINA AS BLOSSOMING
PATRON OF CENTO, AS WELL AS ONCE AGAIN TO CRITICIZE
U.S. AND UK ACTIVITIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

2. PRAVDA ALLEGES INCREASED CENTO ACTIVITY DURING
LAST YEAR, AND TIES INCREASE TO SUPPRESSION OF NATIONAL
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN PERSIAN GULF AND TO CENTO
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"RINGLEADERS" DESIRE TO INCREASE MILITARY POTENTIAL IN

INDIAN OCEAN.

3. RED STAR CLAIMS THAT DURING RECENT VISIT OF
CHINESE FONMIN TO IRAN AND PAKISTN, EMISSARY
DISPLAYED SUCH SOLIDARITY WITH CENTO THAT ONE PAKISTANI
NEWSPAPER FELT CALLED UPON TO PROPOSE NEW ORGANIZATION
WHICHWOULD ENJOY BOTH U.S. AND CHINESE PATRONAGE.
RED STAR ATTENTION TO CHINESE ACTIVITIESIN INDIAN
OCEAN LITTORAL AREA REFLECTS CONTINUING SOVIET
SENSITIVITIES IN THIS REGARD AS REPORTED IN REFTELS.
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